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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 7060

House Bill No. 7038*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Fund" means the school safety alert grant fund established by subsection (c); and

(2) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a county, city, or special school district, unified school district, or school district of a metropolitan form of government.

(b) The department of education shall establish and administer a school safety alert grant program. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to LEAs and public charter schools to establish school safety alert systems in public schools. The alert systems funded through this grant program must be approved by the department of education in consultation with the department of safety.

(c) The department shall not require an LEA or public charter school to include a school safety alert system in the LEA's or public charter school's school security self-assessment, district-wide school safety plan, or building-level school safety plan in order to receive a grant.

(d) It is the legislative intent that funding for a school alert grant program created pursuant to this section is funded by the unexpended balance of appropriations made for school safety grants to LEAs in Chapter 418 of the Public Acts of 2023.

(e) A grant awarded under this section is limited to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per eligible school in the fiscal year.

(f) On or before January 1, 2025, and by January 1 of each subsequent year, the department shall prepare a report to the general assembly regarding the funds received and payments made by the fund.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.